



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE CONSERVATION AGENCIES

NASCA 2005 ANNUAL MEETING

AUGUST 28 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, 2005

OPTIONAL TOURS

THESE TOURS WILL BE HELD BEFORE AND AFTER THE ACTUAL NASCA MEETING. COSTS WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ATTENDEES AND PAID AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT. FINAL DETAILS ARE BEING PREPARED SO THIS IS BEING SENT AS A REMINDER FOR YOUR PLANNING – EXPECT TO SEE ANOTHER UPDATE FIRST WEEK IN JULY.

MT ST HELENS DAY TRIP – SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH

Yes, the active volcano! This would require the whole day -- (leaving Seattle between 7-8am) - and I have tentatively asked Lynn Brown – current Vice Chair of the Washington Conservation Commission and former NRCS State Conservationist to come along and tell us the real stories about what he dealt with after the eruption on May 18, 1980. This is a good 2+ hour trip from Seattle. We will arrange the transportation once we get a head count and then let you know the cost for this event.

[HTTP://WWW.FS.FED.US/GPNF/MSHNVN/](http://WWW.FS.FED.US/GPNF/MSHNVN/)

SEATTLE MARINEERS VS. THE NEW YORK YANKEES EVENING ACTIVITY – MONDAY, AUGUST 29TH

Come along and help us destroy the hated Bronx Bombers and see how we treat our former superstar Alex Rodriguez and Randy Johnson! There are excellent seats in a group seating still available, but we would like to get some feeling about what cost range you would like. **We have purchased 40 tickets at \$35 – first come – first serve – so RSVP with us and bring your checkbook....** [HTTP://SEATTLE.MARINERS.MLB.COM/NASAPP/MLB/SEA/TICKETING/GROUP.JSP](http://SEATTLE.MARINERS.MLB.COM/NASAPP/MLB/SEA/TICKETING/GROUP.JSP)

SAN JUAN ISLANDS DAY TRIP – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

We also have a Commission member that lives on Shaw Island – one of the San Juan Islands, that maybe available for a day trip if there is enough interest. (Some of you may wish to do this on your own on an overnight trip. We can supply more information later if needed) We would board the ferry and make some stops on a couple islands. It will be a beautiful trip! Cost to be determined based on interest. [HTTP://WWW.GUIDETOSANJUANS.COM/](http://WWW.GUIDETOSANJUANS.COM/)

VICTORIA, BC DAY TRIP – SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH OR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

No, I don't have a Commission member living in Victoria, but we could put together an excursion if enough were interested. Recommended transportation: [HTTP://WWW.VICTORIACLIPPER.COM/VICTORIA_CLIPPER_FERRY_SERVICE](http://WWW.VICTORIACLIPPER.COM/VICTORIA_CLIPPER_FERRY_SERVICE)

SEATTLE ACTIVITIES

INDIVIDUALS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGEMENT AND COSTS OF ANY OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE HOTEL.

SEATTLE TOUR MAP: [HTTP://TOURMAP.COM/SEA_FULL.HTML](http://TOURMAP.COM/SEA_FULL.HTML)

PIKE PLACE MARKET

Considered the “soul” of Seattle, Pike Place Market is the oldest year-round farmers market in the country. The market offers a variety of local produce and seafood with multiple levels of food shops, antique and clothing stores, arts and craft stands, flower stalls and specialty shops. Pike Place Market is home to the original Starbucks coffee store and the fish-throwing vendors seen in Levi's jeans commercials. WWW.PIKEPLACEMARKET.ORG

SEATTLE AQUARIUM

The Aquarium is located at Pier 59 on the Seattle waterfront and houses the world's only aquarium-based salmon ladder and fish hatchery. The aquarium offers award-winning aquatic life exhibits featuring sea otters, coral reefs, sharks and a giant octopus. The aquarium also features an underwater viewing dome.

WWW.SEATTLEAQUARIUM.ORG

SPACE NEEDLE

Recognized worldwide as the symbol of Seattle, the Space Needle was constructed in 1962 for the World's Fair. It stands 605 feet tall and is located at the 74-acre Seattle Center. The Space Needle offers fine dining with panoramic views of the Seattle area and was featured in, among other films, 1963's "It Happened at the World's Fair" starring Elvis Presley. WWW.SPACENEEDLE.COM

EXPERIENCE MUSIC PROJECT

This interactive music museum located in the Seattle Center combines hands-on experiences with interpretive exhibits that tell the story of the creative process in American popular music. State-of-the-art technology, a world class collection of artifacts, unique building design by Frank O. Gehry, a dynamic ride-like experience and multimedia presentations make EMP the first institution of its kind in the world. WWW.EMPLIVE.ORG

PIONEER SQUARE / INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT

Historic Pioneer Square marks the original site of "Old Seattle," which was restored after the Great Fire of 1889. The district features cafes, restaurants, galleries and Elliott Bay Books, the largest independent bookstore in Seattle. Pioneer Square was home of the original "Skid Road," a term describing the practice of sliding timber down Yesler Way to a steam powered mill on the waterfront. South of Pioneer Square is the International District, which features ethnic restaurants and shops. Highlights include the Wing Luke Museum and Uwajimaya Japanese Supermarket. WWW.PIONEERSQUARE.ORG

SEATTLE UNDERGROUND TOUR

While you roam the subterranean passages that once were the main roadways and first-floor storefronts of old downtown Seattle, Tour Guides regale you with humorous stories our pioneers didn't want you to hear. It's history with a twist! Located in Pioneer Square at 608 First Avenue. Tickets are first come, first serve and tours run on the hour. WWW.SEATTLEUNDERGROUNDTOUR.COM

RIDE THE DUCKS

Tour Seattle on a World War II Amphibious Vehicle! A hilarious ride will take you to all the major sites of Seattle and it's surroundings as well as into Lake Union to see the Sleepless in Seattle houseboat. Ride the Ducks is located across the street from the Space Needle. WWW.RIDETHEDUCKSOFSEATTLE.COM

GRAYLINE TROLLEY

Hop aboard a trolley and enjoy a narrated tour of downtown Seattle. Only on the Seattle Trolley Tour can you relive Seattle's past while hopping on and off as your heart desires. Stops include: Downtown Shopping District, Seattle Center / Experience Music Project (EMP) / Space Needle; Bell Street Pier / Odyssey; Seattle Aquarium / Seattle IMAX Dome; The Waterfront / Argosy Cruises / Tillicum Village; Safeco Field / Seahawks Stadium; Pioneer Square / Underground Tour; Seattle Art Museum; Pike Place Market. A trolley stop is located in front of the hotel on Alaskan Way. The trolley stops every 30 minutes. Reservations are not required. Trolley Tours tickets are available on board the trolley. Buy one day, get the second day free!